

Baptism

Purpose: To help a person understand the importance of baptism in the Bible.

John 3:1-7/ Titus 3:3-7

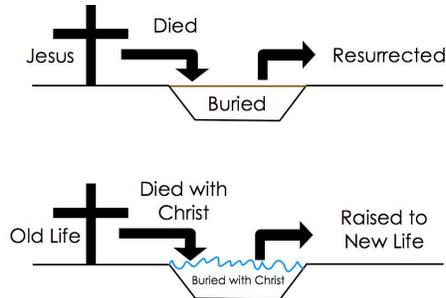
- What did Jesus say we all must do in order to enter the kingdom of God?
- What does it mean to be born again of the water and the Spirit?
- For the first 300+ years of church history everyone knew born again = baptism

Acts 2:36-41 What was the teaching on baptism in the first church service in the Bible?

- Believe: Acts 2:36 Let all Israel be assured of this...
- Repent: Acts 2:37-38 Cut to the heart by sin. What shall we do? Repent.
- Confess: Acts 2:36 Confess Jesus as your Lord and Christ.
- Baptism: Acts 2:38 Baptized for forgiveness of sins & receive Holy Spirit.
 - **Baptism** (Greek: *bap-tid'-zo*): *To immerse, to dip or to submerge.*

Romans 6:1-5

- At Baptism, we are participating in Jesus' death, burial and resurrection.
 - Death of Jesus/Death to your old life of sin through repentance
 - Burial of Jesus/We are buried with Christ in the waters of baptism
 - Resurrection of Jesus/We rise up from the water to a new life (born again)
- V.5 The dividing wall of sin is forgiven and we're united with Christ at baptism!



Q: What are common false doctrines in churches today?

- **Infant baptism and original Sin:** Colossians 2:11-12 and Ezekiel 18:20
 - Introduced in the 4th century. It became Church doctrine in 1311.
 - This teaching advocates infants being "sprinkled" as their baptism.
- **Accepting or praying Jesus into your heart:** Rev. 3:14-20 & Rom.10: 9-13
 - This teaching emerged in the late 1800s. Became popular in 1950s.
 - This teaching says by praying Jesus into your heart, you are saved.
- **Faith or belief alone will save you:** John 3:16 and John 8:31-32
 - This teaching emerged in 1517 during the Protestant Reformation.

Acts 22:16

- Why did Ananias question Paul's urgency and instruct him to get up and be baptized? What are you waiting for?

Challenge: Do you think you need to get baptized? If so, when will you be baptized